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SUBJ: INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY: AVIATION MAINTENANCE
CENTERS

1. GOB (OFFICE OF CIVIL AVIATION) SEEKING U.S.
FIRM OR FIELD ORGANIZATION ON DIRECT INVESTMENT OR
JOINT VENTURE BASIS TO ESTABLISH AVIATION MAINTENANCE
FACILITY(IES) AND/OR RADIO REPAIR, SERVICE AND
OVERHAUL FACILITIES IN ONE OR ALL OF SEVERAL AIR
TRANSPORT FACILITIES. CURRENTLY BOLIVIA HAS
FOUR MAJOR AVIATION CENTERS WITH MAINTENANCE
FACILITIES AS FOLLOWS:

LA PAZ - ELEVATION 13,400 FT. COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS
ARE MOSTLY AIR CARRIER SERVICES. CARGO IS TRANS-
PORTED BY B-17, B-25, C-46, C-47, DC-4, DC-7 TYPE
AIRCRAFT. PRESENT MAINTENANCE FACILITIES AND A
R-2800 OVERHAUL SHOP ARE BELOW ACCEPTABLE STANDARDS.
PRIVATE AND CORPORATION AIRCRAFT AS CESSNAS, AERO
COMMANDERS, MU, LEAR JET OPERATE FROM THIS AIRPORT.

COCHABAMBA - ELEVATION 8,370 FT. CENTRALLY LOCATED IN
BOLIVIA. IT IS THE EXECUTIVE, OPERATIONAL AND
MAINTENANCE BASE FOR LLOYD AEREO BOLIVIANO (LAB),
THE NATIONAL AIRLINES. AIR TAXI SERVICES AND
RELIGIOUS MISSION AIRCRAFT ARE FLOWN WITH CESSNAS,
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BEECH, BELL, DC-3, ETC. C-46, CV-440, F-27 AND

A C-82 AIRCRAFT ARE IN CARGO OPERATION. TWO FLIGHT SCHOOLS, ONE MECHANIC SCHOOL PLUS LAB SHOPS AND TRAINING FACILITIES ARE OPERATED FROM THIS FIELD.

TRINIDAD - ELEVATION 765 FT. THIS BASE IS DEPENDENT ON AIR TAXI SERVICES. ONE FLIGHT SCHOOL AND TWO POORLY EQUIPPED MAINTENANCE SHOPS ARE LOCATED HERE.

SANTA CRUZ - ELEVATION 1,440 FT. NO MAINTENANCE SHOPS EXIST. WORK IS ACCOMPLISHED OUT OF A TOOL BOX AND IN SHADE-TREE FASHION. THE AIRPORT HAS MANY AIRCRAFT SALES VENDORS REPRESENTING BEECH, PIPER, CESSNA, AERO COMMANDER, ETC. VERY HEAVY AIR TAXI SERVICES ARE NECESSARY AND PROVIDED. MOST AIR TAXI OPERATIONS ARE FLOWN IN COMPARATIVELY LATE MODEL GENERAL TYPE, AIRCRAFT. THE BOLIVIAN AIR FORCE OPERATES FROM ALL THESE FIELDS.

2. GOB RECENTLY APPROVED NEW AVIATION MAINTENANCE AND AIRWORTHINESS LAW WHICH MANDATES SIGNIFICANT UPGRADING OF MAINTENANCE STANDARDS. FACILITIES ARE THEREFORE URGENTLY NEEDED TO FACILITATE COMPLIANCE.

3. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT COL. RENE GUZMAN, DIRECTOR DE AERONAUTICA CIVIL, MINISTERIO DE TRANSPORTES, COMUNICACIONES Y AERONAUTICA CIVIL, AVENIDA COMACHO, ESQ. BUENO, LA PAZ, BOLIVIA.

4. COMMENT: ABOVE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY PART OF CONCERTED GOB EFFORT TO IMPROVE AVIATION SAFETY AND UPGRADE MAINTENANCE STANDARDS FOR CIVIL AND MILITARY AIRCRAFT. ALSO, LOCAL COMMERCIAL AIRLINE, LLOYD AERO BOLIVIANO (LAB), HAS A FLEET OF FOUR BOEING 727'S AND SEVERAL FAIRCHILDS AND IS IN PROCESS OF EXPANDING FLEET SIGNIFICANTLY WITH POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF BOEING URU, 737, TWO BAC 111'S AND A C-46. SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE ON LAB AIRCRAFT PRESENTLY MUST BE DONE OUT OF MIAMI. END COMMENT.

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